## Press Release

## **HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Office of the County Executive



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harford County Conservation and Preservation Poster Contest

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Sustainability Office, Recycling Office and Harford County Public Schools partnered for the third year to hold the Conservation and Preservation Poster Contest. The contest is held to raise awareness about efficiently using and reusing our resources.

This year, the four themes and grade categories were identified: grades K-2 *Biking and Walking*, grades 3-5 *Water Conservation*, grades 6-8 *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink*, and grades 9-12 *Recycling Office* logo. Over five hundred poster entries were received and included participation from eight elementary schools: Forest Lakes, Halls Cross Roads, Jarrettsville, Joppatowne, Meadowvale, Prospect Mill, Red Pump, and Riverside; two middle schools: Havre de Grace and Southampton along with three high schools: Havre de Grace, Joppatowne and North Harford.

The posters were judged on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the assigned theme, by members of the Sustainability Office and Recycling Office as well as Harford County Public Schools.

A winning poster was selected for each theme and will be reproduced and displayed in Harford County Public Schools, Harford County Government offices and the Harford County Public Libraries. The winning artists are Abby Saltzer 2<sup>nd</sup> grade of Jarrettsville Elementary School, Grant Swinehart 5<sup>th</sup> grade of Jarrettsville Elementary School, Lauren Burnham 7<sup>th</sup> grade of Southampton Middle School and Issabelle Stabb 12<sup>th</sup> grade of North Harford High School.

The students were honored among family and teachers by Mary F. Chance, Harford County's Director of Administration and Patti Jo Beard, Harford County Public School's Director, Facilities Management Department at the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center on December 7' 2012 for their achievement.

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PUBLIC SAFETY
"Ensuring a Safe
Harford"

EDUCATION
"Preparing Now,
Building for the Future"

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT "Governing Smarter"

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining Harford's Prosperity"

ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP
"Protecting Our
Environment"

QUALITY LIVING "Safeguarding What is Important to Harford County Citizens"



Pictured in the photo are:

**The back row** (left to right): Rebekan Hansen, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Jarrettsville Elementary teacher, Patti Jo Beard, HCPS Director, Facilities Management Department, Andrew Cassilly, HCPS Resource Conservation Manager, Linn Griffiths, 12<sup>th</sup> grade North Harford High School teacher, Mary Chance, Harford County's Director or Administration, and Rick Russell, Jarrettsville Elementary School Principle.

The front row (left to right): Lauren Burnham, Grant Swinehart, Issabelle Stabb, and Abby Saltzer.

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